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SUBJECT: LAW OF SEA:GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN OIL PROBLEM

1. AT A DINNER WHICH I GAVE LAST FRIDAY IN HIS HONOR,
I TOOK OCCASION TO DISCUSS WITH GREEK FONMIN RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN PROBLEM WHICH HAS ARISEN TURKEY WITH
REGARD TO PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN SEA.
I SAID I SINCERELY HOPED THAT THE GOG
AND THE GOT WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY
SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS SINCE I PERSONALLY COULD NOT
CONCEIVE ANYTHING MORE DESTRUCTIVE TO THE NATIONAL
INTERESTS OF EACH COUNTRY THAN CONFLICT REGARDING THIS
PROBLEM.

2. TETENES SAID HE FULLY APPRECIATED MY POINT OF VIEW

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AND SHARED IT. I ASKED HIM WHAT SOLUTION HE SAW TO THE PROBLEM,

NOTING THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF THE MERIDIAN LINE PRESENTED DIFFICULTIES IN THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN QUESTION. HE VENTURED THOUGHT THAT BEYOND THE 12-MILE LIMIT JOINT EXPLORATION ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE A POSSIBILITY. I SAID I THOUGHT THIS APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATION AND AGREEMENT APPEARED EXCELLENT AND FULLY WORTHWHILE EXPLORING IN DEPTH. TETENES REJOINED THAT GOG INTENDED TO PURSUE THIS AVENUE WITH GOT.

3. IN THIS CONTEXT, I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT TETENES ASSURED ME, CONFIRMING STATEMENT RECENTLY MADE BY ADMIRAL ARAPAKIS TO ADMIRAL MURPHY, THAT GREECE WOULD NOW SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION ON FREE AS CONTRASTED WITH INNOCENT PASSAGE IN THE STRAITS AT THE FORTHCOMING LOS CONFERENCE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH RESPONSIBLE GREEK OFFICIALS UPON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.
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